

PROPOSAL 24

5 AAC 06.331. Gillnet specifications and operations, and 5 AAC 06.333. Requirement and specification for use of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet in Bristol Bay.

Allow the holder of either two set gillnet or two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate more gear than the holder of a single limited entry permit, as follows:

The ability to stack and own 2 permits, fish together on one vessel for Drift Net Fishers and 2 permits for Set Net Fishers.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The ability to stack own and fish two (2) limited entry permits in one name for either Drift or Set Gill net fishing. This would help the fishery towards the optimum number of fishers and boats previously identified. This would reduce risk for vessel owners who fish 2 permits already who have to have 2 permit holders on the vessel. This will give the vessel owner and permit holder all of the responsibility. This would give all Fishers the chance to operate with 2 permits or maintain 1 permit. Cook Inlet has approved stacking of permits in a single name.

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